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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 14th/August, through Sunday, 21st/August there were 223 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY9, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* **PLEASE NOTE**: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B8, MAURITIUS (6m Op!). Bernie, ZS4TX, will be active as 3B8TX from the northwest coast of Mauritius [LG89sx] between September 16-19th, as part of a short visit to the island and a 6m EME DXpedition. The callsign 3B8TX was allocated by ICTA. Bernie states, "Mauritius is not rare in Europe on 6m. My operation will favor NA/SA moonrise and ZL/VK mooonset. Please send me an E-mail for any special time/sked that may not be covered in the proposed time frames. I will also be running a beacon during the daytime looking for possible Tropo openings towards Africa. Equipment: IC-7100 and 6M8GJ. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to his home callsign.

5H, TANZANIA. Chas, NK8O/VE3ISD, will once again be active as 5H3DX from Zinga, Tanzania, between October 20th and November 12th. Activity will be from the pediatric hospital at Zinga. Usual operations will be holiday style. Power output will be the legal limit for Tanzania at 100w and the primary antenna should be a Hexbeam configured for 20-6 meters, including the WARC bands. Operations will be primarily CW. He states that he will use a simple wire antenna and his KX3 with a KXPA100 amp. QSL via EA7FTR, LoTW and eQSL.

7P, LESOTHO (Press Release, date August 18th) [edited]. Pista, HA5AO, will operate as 7P8AO from Lesotho between October 15-29th. The primary purpose of the trip is to deliver humanitarian aid and support to an orphanage. At his own expense Pista is supplying clothing, shoes and school supplies to the children. This will be his third visit to Lesotho to work with the children. When not at the orphanage, Pista will be operating mainly CW, on 80-6 meters. Log search and OQRS will be available on . Please QSL to HA5AO.

8P, BARBADOS. Bob, G3PJT, states, that he will be reactivating his old Barbados callsign, 8P9IF, in 80th 2017 BERU (British Commonwealth) Contest (March 11-12th) from a site on the east coast of the island.

A5, BHUTAN. Operators Tatsuo/JA3ARJ, Kumio/JH3LSS, Ryo/JH7EQW and Junichi/JH3AEF will be active as A52ARJ, A52LSS, A52EQW and A52AEF, respectively, from Dochula Resort, Bhutan, between August 22-27th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly some Digital modes. QSL via A52ARJ via JA3ARJ; A52LSS via JH3LSS; A52EQW via JH7EQW and A52AEF via JH3AEF.

CARIBBEAN TRIP. Gab, HA3JB, will be active as T42CH from Habana - Wajay, Cuba, (NA-015) between September 20-25th, and as HI3/HA3JB from Dominican Republic (NA-122) sometime between September 25th and October 1st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

CY9C ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). CY9C operation is now active as of late August 18th, and should be active until August 29th. Murray, WA4DAN, has been providing updates and reported on Saturday morning:

"Three tons of gear were successfully transported to the St. Paul team on Friday. This was accomplished using two boats and seven helicopter runs to the island. Another boat is scheduled to transport additional gear this afternoon. At least two helicopter runs are scheduled later this morning.

We hope to have both islands fully supplied by late afternoon/early evening on Saturday. The Northeast Island team is essentially supplied

while the Atlantic Cove team still needs essential gear.

We hope to have both sites fully operational by Saturday evening. Weather is marginal today so we will have to wait to hear from the boat captain and the helicopter crew.

All team members are on St. Paul except for WA4DAN who is assisting with the helicopter and boat logistics. The helicopter is stationed on the Northeast Island for the duration of the DXpedition. The team expresses it's gratitude to the tireless efforts of the helicopter and boat crews in this massive effort. More updates will be issued as needed."

OPDX has been posting the updates on the NODXA FaceBook page at:

http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation

Dxpedition contacts logged will be posted LIVE on the website for those who desire to check if they are in the log. Also QSL information has been posted on the website.

D44, CAPE VERDE. Ralf, DK8FA, will once again be active as D44TUJ from Boa Vista Island (AF-086) between September 15-29th. Activity will be mainly on 20 meters using the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. No eQSL, No LoTW!

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (2017 Op!). Dom, M1KTA, will be active as E51KTA from Rarotonga Island (OC-013), March 10-19th, 2017. Activity will be on various HF bands including an entry in the British Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (March 11-12th). Outside of the contest he will be on the WARC bands. QSL via his home callsign. For more details and updates, watch:

http://m1kta-qrp.blogspot.co.uk/2016/07/cook-islands.html

HAMVENTION (More Details in a Video!). Tim Duffy, K3LR, from DX Engineering, recently visited (on August 11th) the new site/venue for the 2017 HamVention at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Event Center in Xenia, Ohio. In a YouTube video, Tim interviews Michael Kalter, W8CI - Treasurer of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) as well as taking video and pictures of fairgrounds. The purpose of the video is to show everyone what this new site/venue has to offer and provide to hams for this special event as well as all the hard work and planning that goes on to make it happen. Take a look at the video and see what is coming for the 2017 HamVention at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXXl18G0QA0

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Operators Kasimir/DL2SBY and Henry, SP2FOV, will be active as HB0/homecall from Liechtenstein between September 11-18th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to use different antennas, Spiderbeam, verticals and a Delta Loop. Their equipment will be TS-2000, FT-900AT and amplifier ICOM 1010 with about 700 watts. QSL HB0/DL2SBY via DL2SBY, direct or the OQRS (Bureau/direct) via ClubLog ONLY. Do not send your QSL via the Bureau! QSL HB0/SP2FOV via SP2FOV, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-025. Operators Vladimir/RV1CC and Yuri/RM0F are now active as RV1CC/0 and RM0F/P from Kunashir Island, Kuril Islands, until August 23rd. Activity has been on 40/30/20/17/15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsigns.

AS-025. Anton, OG2K, is now active as RA/OG2K from Kunashir Island until August 24th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign. See: http://www.og2k.com/content/qsl

EU-041. Andrea, IZ1MHY, will once again be active as IM0/IZ1MHY from La Maddalena Island between September 11-18th. Activity will be on CW, SSB, and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign direct, by the Bureau to 9A8ARS or LoTW.

NA-079. (2017 Op!) Operators Nelson/NE4LS and John/KE4IDW will be active as N4T from the Loggerhead Key Lighthouse & Garden Key Lighthouse, about 70 miles west of Key West in the Dry Tortugas National Park, between April 21-24th, 2017. Activity will be on CW/QRP (NE4LS) and SSW/20w (KE4IDW). QSL will be by paper only via NE4LS. No LoTW, eQSL or other electronic QSLing.

OC-129. Carl, OE9MON, will once again be active as DU6/OE9MON from Panay Island until September 2nd. Activity has been mostly on 20/17/15 meters SSB. QSL via LZ1JZ, LoTW or eQSL.

OC-139. Members of the Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society (AHARS) are now active as VK5CWL from the Cape Willoughby Lighthouse (ILLW AU-0095), Kangaroo Island (WWFF VKFF-1014, VK5 Parks Award 5CP-033, VK Shires Award KI5) until August 22nd. Activity has been on various HF bands. QSL via VK5PAS, direct, LoTW or eQSL.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Bill, K9HZ, will once again active as J68HZ from his villa at Labrelotte Bay, Castries, St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA L-1336) between August 26th and September 11th. Activity is usually on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He states, "Will try to fill some band-mode slots for WAS and DXCC. Particularly looking for AK and MT in the USA to complete 8BWAS." His equipment will consist of an Elecraft K3, a 3 element beam for 20-6 meters and wire antennas for 160-30 meters. QSL via his home callsign. He does use the LoTW, ClubLog and eQSL.

JW, SAVLBARD. Helge, LB5WB, will once again be active as JW/LB5WB from Longyearbyen on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) between September 16-19th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using a Yaesu FTDX-3000 into Windom (80-10m), 3 element beam (10m), 4 element beam (6m) and Inv. L for 80m. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Sugi, JI3KDH, is now active as KH0/W5SEA from Saipan (OC-086) until August 23rd. Activity has been mainly on 17 meters CW, but also watch 30 and 20 meters. QSL via LoTW ot eQSL.

MD, ISLE OF MAN. A German group will be active as MD/homecall from the Isle of Man (EU-116) between September 23rd and October 4th. Operators mentioned are Heiko DL1RTL, Gunter/DL2AWG, Dietmar/DL2HWA, Georg/DL4SVA,

Olaf/DL7JOM, Rolf/DL7VEE and Wolf/DM2AUJ. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Equipment will be 2x K3, KPA 500, into Spider-beams and Verticals. QSL via their home callsigns, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: http://md.mydx.de

MJ, JERSEY. Kazunori, M0CFW/JK3GAD, will once again be active as MJ5Z during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Look for activity before and after the contest using the callsign MJ0CFW. QSL for both callsigns via M0CFW, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

N4AA IN THE HOSPITAL. We have been informed that well-known DX Editor Carl Smith, N4AA, of QRZ DX and The DX Magazine, has been in the hospital since August 15th. Details relayed via Carl's son indicate that Carl was expected remain in hospital through this past weekend. Let's hope and pray that Carl has a quick recovery and is out of the hospital by the time you read this. GET WELL SOON CARL....

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will once again be active as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) between October 24th and November 1st. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). He will also return between November 22-29th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th). Operations outside of the contests are usually CW on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Wilko, PA3BWK, will once again be active as PJ4/PA3BWK from Bonaire Island (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between September 3-24th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via his home callsign direct. Logs will also be uploaded to LoTW later in the year.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN (2017 Announcement). Operators Dave/K9UK, Ken/KK9N, Tom/W9AEB, Dave/W9DR and John/W9KXQ will be active as PJ7/homecall from St. Maarten (NA-105) between June 14-28th, 2017. The group plans to have 3 stations on the air. Station 1: PJ7/W9DR will be on 6 meters with a Beacon on 50.115.7 MHz. Stations 2 and 3 (PJ7/W9KXQ, PJ7/KK9N, PJ7/K9UK and PJ7/W9AEB) will on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsign.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 22-28th).....

Aug/22nd AN	Aug/25th HN	Aug/27th AN
Aug/23rd AN	Aug/26th AN	Aug/28th AN
Aug/24th HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7

HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

PX0, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Fabio, PP5BZ, will be active as PX0F from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) between September 23-28th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands and modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....(August 21st)

4J3J via RW6HS (d)	EG5CMU via EA5HRD	PA6FUN via PA3HHT
5B4AMM via UT5UDX	EG5VCE via EB5AG	PA6SCH via PI4DHG
5H1XX via M0URX	EG7URI via EA7URI	PF34CAVENTE via PA7HPH
5H1XX via M0URX	EG8HKT via EA8RCK	PG150N via PA7DA
5T2AI via NI5DX	EM25Q via UR5QU	PP2/DL3SEZ via DL3SEZ
5V7D via DL9MBI (d)	EN7P via UT1PG	PX2016RIO via PP5NY
7Y9LI via SM4VPZ	GB2GNL via GM3WIJ	R31RIO via RQ7L
8N7I via JN7DIY	GX0SCR/p via G4APL	R95KOMI via R9XC
8P2K via KU9C	HB88YL via HB9EPE	RA16CW via RM4C
8T2BH via I1HYW (d)	HB9ILLW via HB9FVR	SN0TUBB via SP1ZZ
9A/DD2ML via DD2ML	HK1X via HK1X (d/O)	SP8/IN3EYI via IN3EYI
A62A via IZ8CLM	II1L via IQ1GE	SP90LV via SP8MI
AO8LH via EA8AKN & (L)	IS0/DL6JF via DL6JF	SV8/PD0ARI via PD0ARI
AT2L via VU2KWJ	K1N via K1YRD	T6EU via AK4JK (d)
CR5LSV via CT5KAO	KH0/W5SEA via W5SEA (L/e)	TC17EQ via YM2KY
CR6LH via CT1GZB	LX/PA1PAT via PA1PAT	TC1LHW via TA1FR (L)
CW5X via CX2ABC (d)	LZ18ARDF via LZ1ZF	TK/F1BLQ/P via F1BLQ
CX6DZ via EA5GL (d)	LZ6C via LZ2KLR	TK/F2CT via F2CT
DA0LCC via DH4HAN	MU/RL5D via RL5D	TM2LW via F4ELJ
DA0LHN via DL8LD	N1S via W1QV	TM5NOI via F4FGV
DA0LHT via DF1AG	OA7/DL1CW via DL1CW	TP30CE via F5LGF
DA0WLH via DL4NH	OJ0DX via DL3DXX	UF8T via (L/e)
DK5T/LS via DK5ON	OK/PA3FYG/P via PA3FYG	UP44WFF via UN6GAO (L/e/d)
DL0FFF/LGT via DL2RPS	OP16A via ON7LU	VI1BLT50 via VK6LC
DU6/OE9MON via LZ1JZ & (L)	OZ/DO2JAX/P via DO2JAX	VI6DH400 via VK6NX (d)
EA1/DC2CT via DC2CT	OZ0IL via DL1UWE	ZV2016RIO via PY1AA
EG1LWN via EA1HNP	P3F via M0URX & (L)	ZY157CAT via PP2BO (d)
EG25JRA via EA1RKA	PA/LX1MG via LX1MG	

EG3MDV via EG3MDV (L/e) PA/SP4GHL via SP4GHL
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

AO8LH via EA8AKN. Activity during this past ILLW was by the Grupo DX Gran Canaria (Canary Islands) from Punta del Castillete Lighthouse. The Punta del Castillete Lighthouse is located on cliffs above the resort and fishing harbour of Puerto de Mogán, in the municipality of Mogán, Canary Islands (EA8). References Numbers -- ARLHS CAI-006, WLOTA 0969, FEA D-2814.3, IOTA AF-004, DIE S-005, WWFF EAFF-0078 and WW Locator: IL27CT.

RI1FJ QSL STATUS. All QSOs for the RI1FJ Heiss Island (EU-019), Franz Josef Land, operation have been uploaded to ClubLog and the OQRS is now available. LoTW will be uploaded later this year.

W1EDH via W1FYM. Special event station by the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society http://w1edh.weebly.com> during August 19-20th, at the MUD VOLLEYBALL event in
Middletown, CT, is to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation.

WN8HCV via W8GP. Activity was by Greg, W8GP, from the Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse (ILLW US-0105) in Michigan this past weekend.

YO6EX/P via YO6EX. Activity was from Seica Mica Dacian Fortress (I Century) on Friday, August 19th. Reference numbers - WCA: YO-00982 and RFA: SB-F94. Activity on Sunday, August 21st, was from Seica Mica Fortified Church (XIV Century). Reference numbers - WCA: YO-00469 and RFA: SB-F52. QSL only direct to his home callsign.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4S7GWG, 5R8UI, 7P8C, 8Q7FU, CO3JA, CP4BT, DK0WRTC, DL2DX, DU9/RC5A, E72A, E7TT, EA8DBM, EP2A, GI5I, HB9DQL, HH2/HB9AMO, HI3K, HR5/F2JD, J75KG, LY5W, MW0EDX, OK2RZ, OL5Y, OM3DX, P33W, PJ2/K3NK, PY2MR, PZ5RA, S50R, T32TM, TI5W, TM6M, VE2ZT, VE7SV, XR0YS and ZB2TT

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4J3DJ, HC1TH, PY0F/PP1CZ and RT92KA (AS-092)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4Z5IW, 5V7ZA, 8P6DR, 9K2HN, HL2DBP, MM0AMW, MU0FAL, R7AY, S79AC, S79KB, SV130PAP, SV5DKL, T40HQ, TA4/OG55W, VC2R, VK9DLX, VK9LC, VK9/OH3X, OH1ZAA/VP9, XW1HFC, Z68BM, ZA/OH2YY, ZD8JR, ZD8R and Z81R

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI (Press Release #3, Dated August 16, 2016). [edited]
Central Kiribati T31W (Kanton Island) - 2017 DX-pedition
The Perseverance DX Group is on schedule for next year's DX-pedition to Central Kiribati (Kanton Island). We are planning 15 days on the island during October, 2017.
Joining the team is Chris Tate, N6WM. Team members previously named are:

Arnie/N6HC, Kevin/K6TD, Heye/DJ9RR, Pista/HA5AO, Laci/HA0NAR, Gene/K5GS, Les/W2LK, Glenn/KE4KY, Mike/WA6O, Ricardo/PY2PT and Steve/W1SRD.

The expedition yacht Evohe from Dunedin, New Zealand will meet the team in Apia, Samoa, for the estimated 4 day sail to Kanton Island. The landing permit application is currently being reviewed by the authorities.

T31 is #18 most wanted on Clublog. However, the need in EU is significant for all modes. Getting a team to T31 requires a safe boat and qualified skipper/crew, this DX-pedition will not be inexpensive. The team is committed to paying 50% of the cost and we look to the DX community to help with the remaining 50%. The Donate function on is now available for your use.

Please direct questions to Gene/K5GS or Pista/HA5AO at their QRZ.com address.

73, Team T31W

TF, ICELAND. Volker, DF1HC, is now active as TF/DF1HC from Iceland. The length of his stay is unknown at this time. Activity has been mostly on 30 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign.

TX2, FRENCH POLYNESIA (Reminder/Update) Prior to his VP6AH Pitcairn Island DXpedition (see OPDX.1241), Ulli, DL2AH, is now active as TX2AH from Mangareva/Gambier Islands until August 28th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes, 100w + Triple Leg or Windom antennas. QSL via his home callsign direct only.

VP9, BERMUDA. Jeff, VA3QSL, will be active as VA3QSL/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005, WLOTA 0201) between August 31st and September 8th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters using CW,SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his homecall, by the Bureau, direct (see QRZ.com) or LoTW.

WP3, PUERTO RICO. Alfredo (Al), WP3C, will be active during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via W3HNK. Visit his Web page at: http://wp3c73.wixsite.com/wp3c

YJ, VANUATU (Reminder). By the time you read this, Tom, KC0W, should be active as YJ0COW until September 21st. Activity will be on various HF bands using only CW. QSL direct via his home callsign.

YX0, AVES ISLAND (Update). Steve, W4DTA/YV5DTA, announced that his "group (ARV, Asociacion de Radioaficonados de Venezuela) back in Venezuela got an invitation by the Navy to activate YV0 (Currently the #18 most wanted in the world). A team of 14 operators will depart on August 27th and operate as YX0V for 7-10 days. The team is planning to be active between August 28th and September 5th. Activity will be on all bands (HF/VHF) and modes (CW, SSB, the Digital modes, FM and Satellites). Steve, W4DTA, will be the QSL Manager for the operation.

ATTENTION SATELLITE OPS!!! Paul, N8HM, reported on Thursday, August 18th [edited]: The next several weeks should be very exciting for satellite users across North and South America as well as Europe. Starting tomorrow, the CY9C DXpedition will be QRV from St. Paul Island with great footprints across Europe and North America and it was announced last night that the YX0V DXpedition to Aves Island, scheduled (sometime between) for August 31st

- September 10th, will include satellite operations as well [See the AMSAT WEB page: http://www.amsat.org/?p=5436]. The Caribbean location and flat island terrain should provide excellent footprints across North and South America.

Steve, W4DTA/YV5DTA, sent out the following update on August 20th:

Hello all..

YX0V team both in YV and here in the USA have been working almost non top! A big FEDEX package was send to Caracas today with shirts, basic supplies and a new antenna analyzer, hopefully it will arrive in time.

The team is now working on a contingency plan for power. At the moment there is only one power plant working in YV0, so there are periods of black outs mostly during the night. The team is purchasing a new generator capable of running a few stations, so there might be times that not all stations will be on the air. A operating plan should be available to me very soon. The good news Hams around the world have step up with donations, and that is helping defray some of the cost.

More to come, but if you have any questions that you will like me to ask the team, please feel free to email me or call me.

73.... Steve, W4DTA

For more details and updates on the YX0V DXpedition, see the following URLs:

YX0V Web site: http://yx0v.com
Twitter: https://twitter.com/yx0v2016
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/yx0v2016

ADDED NOTES: Tom, W5KUB, hosted an Amateur Radio Roundtable on August 16th, which contains a converstaion with W4DTA/YV5DTA about the upcoming YX0V operation. The video can be viewed on YouTube.com:

https://youtu.be/CSTYx2pvBW4?t=1757

Also, watch short videos on YouTube.com at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjGsEFKXVwk&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uV89vEuwRM

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Bill, W5SJ, will once again be active as ZF2EZ from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA LH-1042) between September 27th and October 1st. Some operations will be from the "Cayman Amateur Radio Society" (ZF1A) club station and some from the QTH of Andrew/ZF1EJ's shack. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via W5JAY.

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